

MINNESOTA QUALITY OF LIFE

By almost any measure, Minnesota is a great place to live. We have it all: a growing economy, affordable living, top-notch health care, pristine lakes and forests, educated workers and a low crime rate.

In study after study, Minnesota consistently lands at the top of the heap when it comes to quality of life measures. We ride bicycles, vote, exercise, read and volunteer at rates that far out-pace the rest of the country. Minnesotans are among the healthiest in the U.S. thanks to the availability of high-quality health care and a commitment to healthy living.



WHY MINNESOTA

- Minnesota ranked **2nd** for its high standard of living in 2013, according to the Camelot Index.
- The state's average life expectancy of 81.1 years is **2nd** behind only Hawaii.
- Minnesotans have access to world class health care — the Mayo Clinic in Rochester is **one of the best** hospitals in the country, according to 2012 rankings by the U.S. News and World Report.
- Minnesota ranks **2nd in the nation** for the percent of population with a high school degree or higher.
- Minnesotans believe in giving back. Nearly **40%** of Minnesota adults volunteer their time—among the highest percentages in the U.S.
- The Mall of America features over **520 stores** drawing **40 million visitors** annually.
- Nearly eight million people visited Minnesota's state parks in 2012. Minnesota's state park system includes **76 state parks** and recreation areas, eight waysides, **13 state trails** and **62 state forest campgrounds** and day-use areas.
- Minnesota was ranked **2nd** nationally for transportation infrastructure by CNBC for 2012 and **4th** for Best Airport for Business Travelers (2013 Travel Leaders Group).

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A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND DO BUSINESS

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